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On Wednesday, our **boys football team** took part in the Vale of White Horse Primary Schools' Schools Teams Football Tournament. The team was superb on the attack and we scored many wonderful goals. Overall, we won one, drew one and lost a match. On this occasion, it was not enough to progress to the final from the group stage. Well done boys! *Coach Francis.*

On Wednesday, **PERFORM** Drama came into school and gave free taster sessions to children in KS2. The workshops delivered a unique mix of activities designed to bring out every child's true potential. If your child enjoyed this and would like to try PERFORM for free and take advantage of a £40 discount please visit our website at <https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parent-info/local-activities>

The **Roving Bookshop** has been in school today. Roving Books is a small independent company set up to bring this service to schools. It is their aim to put books and reading first. The Roving Bookshop directly supports our efforts to promote literacy. Children have had the opportunity to explore a range of books during the day.

This morning, **foundation stage** performed 'we are going on a bear hunt' to parents. The children were very enthusiastic and have loved learning the story. We look forward to sharing our innovated version with you in a few weeks.

Foundation Stage have also been learning how to keep safe near roads (and in our garden). A booklet has been emailed to parents with ideas and facts that may be useful if you want to talk about safety at home too. The booklet is also on our website under 'letters' tab.

Update from Dr Shorrock*Sadly, I have come to the end of my second week and the end of this part of the Shanghai teacher exchange and it has been another amazing week. This week, I spent my days at Jing'an Educational College Affiliated School (JECAS) being looked after by Sherry - who will visit our school in March, on the second part of this exchange. Throughout the week, I have observed maths lessons from all year-groups, noticing the consistency of teaching, the quick pace and the 'ping-pong' style of teaching - which I aim to emulate upon my return. One highlight of the week was the opportunity to teach a lesson to the Chinese children. My English partner teacher and I both team-taught, 'solving equations' to a Year 6 class. It was a fantastic opportunity. Not only were we able to successfully deliver a lesson (the Chinese children had a high standard of English) with many Chinese teachers observing but the Chinese teachers also learnt a few strategies from us that they will use going forwards. The trip, as a whole, has been the best professional development that I have ever received - the opportunity to study how maths is taught in a different country has been inspiring and I hope to return to the UK to inspire the children at school. The Chinese people are very patriotic and believe that education is of utmost importance: they put the child's welfare first and it shows in everything that they do at school. I very much look forward to welcoming Sherry and Ariana to our school during March 2020 when we will be able to learn even more.* Dr Claire Shorrock

This is a link to another newspaper article:

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201911/21/WS5dd63560a310cf3e355790a2.html?from=groupmessage&isappinstalled=0>

COMING UP...

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 25 th Nov	BOX OFFICE OPENS Scratch Club	8.30am Lunchtime	School Office	Tickets available for FS & Yr 1 'Sing Song' - £2 each
Tues 26 th Nov	Deadline date for ordering Christmas lunches – letter sent home on Tuesday 19th November – see further details below High Five Club UKLA Club Yr 5 Cycling Proficiency	3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm Afternoon	School Court Ladygrove	Meet in the library Selected children
Weds 27 th Nov	Girls Football Club Girls Football Tournament	3.15pm-4.15pm Afternoon	Field Boundary Park	Meet in Class 10 Club cancelled due to tournament Parents to take – leave school at 12.45pm
Thurs 28 th Nov	Stemillions Club Yr 3 @ Willowbrook Cooking Club Choir Club Year 2 Cake Crumbly	Lunchtime Afternoon 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Willowbrook Courtyard	Badminton Meet in the library Meet in Class 13 Please donate cakes to sell
Fri 29 th Nov	Sketch Club Yr 6 @ Willowbrook	Lunchtime Afternoon	Willowbrook	PE Lesson

There is a parent workshop about **Growth Mindset** at Cholsey School on 25th November. This workshop will cover a range of 'must know' topics. Further details are in this newsletter, however, please note the venue is not at Henley College as indicated, it will be held at Cholsey School.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES: A letter has gone home this week about Christmas lunches. You will need to pre-book a meal if your child would like a traditional Christmas dinner on their allocated day. **Please return your slip to the office (via your classteacher) no later than Tuesday 26th November** as the kitchen staff need to know numbers for their food order. Dates are as follows:-

Monday 16 th December Years FS and 6	Tuesday 17 th December Years 1 and 5	Wednesday 18 th December Years 2, 3 and 4
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Please remember on these three days your child will only be able to have a school meal on **their allocated day**.

The other two days you need to provide your child with a packed lunch whilst the other year groups have their festive meals.

We spend much time working out the logistics to ensure the Christmas lunch continues to go ahead, taking in to account any parent queries.



Below is a timetable for our **Christmas performances** next month. Please take time to make a note in your diary (or on your phone) when tickets become available. Please note that evening tickets are normally sold out within 24 hours! BOX OFFICE OPENS **on Monday 25th November** and 2nd December respectively.

<p>Foundation Stage & Year 1 'Sing Song'</p> <p><i>When:</i> Friday 13th December <i>Times:</i> 10am and 2pm <i>Tickets required?</i> Yes - £2 each (limit of 2 tickets per family) <i>Tickets available?</i> Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 25th Nov If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.</p> <p>Any tickets not collected by Friday 29th November will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 2nd December</p>	 <p>Year 2 Christmas Production 'Christmas with Aliens'</p> <p><i>When:</i> Thursday 12th December <i>Times:</i> 1.30pm and 6pm <i>Tickets required?</i> Yes - £2 each limit of 4 tickets per family (maximum evening ticket allowance is 2 tickets) <i>Tickets available?</i> Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 2nd Dec If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.</p> <p>Any tickets not collected by Friday 6th December will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 9th December</p>
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NOTICES ...

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 20/19): If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2020. You will be able to apply on-line from 1st November 2019. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2020.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2020
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

Thank you to everyone who attended the PALS Meet Up last week - as well as meeting new people and getting to know what the PALS team are up to; we were also able to vote in our new Chair - Mark Field. Mark is a welcome addition to our team, and we look forward to proceeding with our planning for events for the 2019/20 year. If you would like to be involved in any planning or helping with our events, please email us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com

Following the success of our Movie Night earlier on this year, it is back! Our Christmas Movie Night will take place on Thursday 5th December. Key Stage 1 classes are invited to attend the session straight after school, to see "Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas". Key Stage 2 classes are invited to attend the 4.30pm session to see "The Grinch" (the 2018 animated version). Slips have gone home this week - please return the completed form with £3 payment via the office postbox to secure a place for your child.

PALS Team

Advance notice... **UKLA Club** is cancelled on 3rd December.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



Did you know your child's school may be able to claim an additional £1,320 to support your child's learning and development?

If you are eligible, your child will automatically receive Free School Meals when they reach Key Stage 2.



Additional funding for your child

Your child's school may be able to claim an additional £1,320 to spend on supporting your child's learning?

How could this help my child?

Schools will use the money in ways they think will support your child's learning and development and improve their educational outcomes.

Do I qualify?

If you receive one of the following benefits, your school will be entitled to claim extra funding for your child:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

Or if your child:

- Has been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- Has been adopted from care in England or Wales
- Has left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

What do I do next?

If you think you qualify, it's quick and easy. Talk to your child's teacher or the school office and the school will apply for the funding.



STUDYSKILLS
ACADEMY

Nurturing a Growth Mindset in your child- Parent Workshop

Developed by psychologists and teachers

Our parent workshops cover a range of 'must know' topics

4th December, 7-9pm at Henley College

Children with a growth mindset put in more effort, choose more challenging tasks, persevere for longer on difficult problems, seek more feedback and see mistakes as learning opportunities. In this workshop, we will teach you about what it means to have a growth or fixed mindset and offer you practical advice on things you can do to encourage a growth mindset in your child. Nurture a Growth Mindset in your child & watch them flourish.

Early Bird Tickets £25

Student Workshop

Memory Master Class—making the most of mocks

Saturday 23rd November 9.30am-12.30pm

Henley College
£65



For booking & more information visit

www.studyskillsacademy.co.uk



About us

We work with students to equip them with the skills and strategies to feel in control of their studies and to help develop their confidence as independent and proactive learners. We also work closely with parents and teachers to help them best support and develop effective learning behaviours in students.

Both Lucinda and Jo are qualified and experienced Psychology teachers. As well as running Study Skills Academy they have a variety of training and skills around Mental Health and Wellbeing. Jo is a Mental Health First Aid Instructor and Lucinda works as a coach on the School Mental Health Award.

Our Mission:

To empower young people by teaching them the skills to make the most of life's opportunities.



What is a Growth Mindset?

Mindset refers to our beliefs about ourselves and where our intelligence, talents, personality and abilities come from. Research shows that people's mindset can exist along a continuum from a 'fixed' mindset to a 'growth' mindset.

Those with a fixed mindset believe that talent alone creates success; that ability, intelligence and talents are fixed and unchangeable. This leads to a fear of failure, the avoidance of challenge, an unwillingness to put in effort, and a tendency to give up when things get hard; behaviours that limit the chances of success and achievement in sporting endeavours, school work, and life in general.

However, those with a growth mindset believe that brain and natural talent are just the starting point of success; that our abilities, intelligence and talents can be developed through hard work, effort and perseverance. This mindset leads to learning behaviours that promote progress and achievement: a willingness to take on challenge and to keep trying when things get hard; a belief that mistakes are just a part of learning and an acceptance of feedback as a useful way to make changes to improve.

An important thing to know is that we can learn to have a growth mindset and there are actions that we can take to nurture a growth mindset in ourselves and in our children or students. Unfortunately there are also many ways we can unintentionally reinforce a fixed mindset. So, come along to our parent workshop to learn how to nurture a growth mindset in your child.

Workshop Details

Nurturing a Growth Mindset in Your Child
4th December 7-9pm
Henley College

All tickets £20 with discount code

Discounts Available via promocode
'StudyDiscount'

Other Workshops

Memory Masterclass for GCSE and A Level
Saturday 23rd November, 9.30am-12.30pm

Got mocks in December/January? Want to learn how to maximise your memory so that you can ace your exams?

Many students spend hours and hours slaving away with their revision, but with very little effect; they still can't remember their content! That's because they are not revising in a way that is effective. As psychologists, we can teach you the psychology of how your memory actually works and how to use it more effectively!

During this three hour intensive workshop you will learn practical strategies that will get you motivated, organised and will accelerate your revision so that you can learn more content faster.

Below is information about the Didcot Community Charter. *Join the conversation....*



Join the conversation.

The Social Value Portal is launching a Didcot Community Charter online in 2020. We are sending out a survey to community members to understand Didcot's greatest needs and challenges as well as opportunities that could make a difference in your community.

The Didcot Community Charter will allow you and your fellow community members to track and measure activities and interventions that can address Didcot's greatest needs. The platform will also include a Community Wishlist where locals, businesses and other stakeholders can share their needs and also contribute to interventions on an ongoing basis.

Why do we want to hear from you?

We estimate this survey should only take you about **10 minutes** and the link will be live until **January 19th 2020** at which point we will collate the responses and use them to develop the Community Charter. We believe everyone has a part to play in making Didcot the best place possible to live and we want to make sure that any support or resource that is directed to the Didcot community meets local needs as much as possible.

Use this link to access the survey along with further information about the Social Value Portal and this project. Please fill it out yourselves and also pass it on to members of organisations you are part of, colleagues, neighbours and fellow members of the community.

Scan the QR code with your phone camera or enter the link below to access the survey:



<https://socialvalueportal.typeform.com/to/CbmJuW>